

FUSS ABOUT LAND

CAUSES SHOOTING SCRAPE NEAR NORWAY FRIDAY.

Mr. W. N. Carter Shoots Mr. J. A. Reed, Who Dies a Few Hours After the Sad Affair.

A very unfortunate and sad affair took place near Norway on Friday morning about nine o'clock, which resulted in the death of Mr. J. A. Reed at the hands of Mr. W. N. Carter. It seems that these two gentlemen, with Mr. H. S. Spies, who is the father-in-law of Mr. Carter, met to settle a dispute between them about some land, when Mr. Carter shot Mr. Reed. The ball passed through Mr. Reed's stomach and he died at three o'clock the same afternoon. Messrs Carter and Spies met Mr. J. W. Barnes, whom they informed of the sad occurrence, and he hurried to the assistance of Mr. Reed at once.

He was found to be in a serious condition, but was made comfortable by Mr. Barnes with the assistance of some others, who had gathered at the scene of the shooting in the meantime. They did all that could be done for the unfortunate man, but it availed nothing, as he lingered until about three o'clock, when he passed away. Mr. Reed was about fifty years of age and Mr. W. N. Carter is a comparatively young man. They lived on adjoining places, and had been on friendly terms until the trouble about the land arose, which resulted in the unfortunate tragedy narrated above.

We understand that Mr. Carter says Mr. Reed fired the first shot at him, and that he shot him in self-defense. Mr. Carter says Mr. Reed warned him not to put his hand on a certain wire which Mr. Reed had stretched to mark the line between their lands, which was in dispute, and which they had met to settle. Mr. Carter says when he took hold of the wire, presumably to remove the same, Mr. Reed fired at him. Mr. Carter claims that this shot passed through his hat and grazed his skull. Then, Mr. Carter says, the firing became general with the result as stated above. Several shots were fired by each party, he says.

Coroner Rickenbaker held an inquest over the body of Mr. Reed on Saturday, and the jury, after hearing the testimony in the case, brought in a verdict charging Mr. Carter with the killing of Mr. Reed. The jury also charged Mr. Henry S. Spies, who, as stated above, is the father-in-law of Mr. Carter, with being accessory to the killing. It is said that Mr. Spies, who was present when the shooting took place made an effort to prevent the unfortunate occurrence. This is the version of the unfortunate affair given out by Messrs. Carter and Spies. We have not heard the other side, but suppose it will all be brought out in the trial of the case when it comes before the courts.

Mr. Carter came up to Orangeburg at once and surrendered to Sheriff Salley, and is now in jail. So did Mr. Spies as soon as the jury of inquest implicated him as an accessory in the killing. The whole affair is to be deeply regretted. It has settled nothing, but plunged two families into endless trouble. As far as we have heard whiskey had nothing to do with the matter. It was a simple falling out of two men over a matter that could and should have been amicably settled. From Mr. Carter's statement, it seems that both he and Mr. Reed went to the meeting to adjust their land dispute with pistols in their pockets. This is what caused the shooting.

This unfortunate affair occurred not very far from where Constable Valentine was killed by a negro some time ago. If we mistake not the negro, who killed Constable Valentine lived on a place of Mr. Henry Spies, who is charged with being an accessory to the killing of Mr. Reed. It seems that there was no one present at this latest shooting but Messrs. Reed, Carter and Spies, and therefore we have only one side of the story of the tragedy. What version Mr. Reed would give were he still alive will only be revealed when the secret of all hearts are made public. Again we say this sad affair is to be deeply regretted.

Laid to Rest.

Mrs. Melvina Whetstone, wife of Capt. Jno. C. Whetstone passed away on last Friday at Rowesville. Mrs. Whetstone had lived to the ripe old age of over seventy years, and enjoyed up to a few months ago most excellent health. Before her marriage, Mrs. Whetstone was a Miss Colson, of Charleston, S. C., at which place she is connected with several prominent families. She is survived by her husband, Capt. Whetstone, who is now in his 74th year, and six children: Mr. W. C. Whetstone, of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. Eugenia Sain, c. Bowman, S. C.; Messrs. Frank and John Whetstone, Mrs. Theodore Robinson and Mrs. Hattie Robinson, all of Rowesville. The announcement of the death of this most excellent lady will be sad news to many friends, who highly esteemed her.

The Lenten Season.

The season of Lent begins tomorrow, Ash-Wednesday, as it is called from the conservation of the ashes of palm leaves and the use of it in the ceremonies of the Catholic church on that day. Lent lasts forty days and during this time, Catholics especially and Episcopalians to a lesser extent, observe the period as a time of special prayer, fasting and good works in preparation of the coming of Holy Week, commemorating the passion of the Saviour.

KILLED BY A NEGRO.

Mr. J. B. Mims Shot by William Bethune Sunday.

A message from Manning to The State says about half-past five o'clock Sunday afternoon Mr. J. B. Mims was shot about five miles from here by a negro, William Bethune, and died about an hour afterwards. The negro is still at large, but is pursued by the sheriff and a posse.

The negro had taken a horse and buggy belonging to Mr. Mims and was running off with them. Mr. Mims secured a warrant for the negro from Magistrate E. C. Dickenson and went to get his horse and buggy.

He found the negro in the buggy with two negro women. Mr. Mims advanced on the negro with his pistol in his hand, but made no attempt to use the weapon. The negro drew his pistol and shot Mr. Mims through the brain.

Mr. Mims was an energetic and prosperous planter and was a man of considerable means. He was about 36 years old. He is the son of Mr. T. R. Mims. He leaves, besides his aged parents, three brothers and four sisters. One of his brothers, Mr. I. G. Mims, lives at Elloree.

STANDING OF CANDIDATES.

In The Times and Democrat's Great Voting Contest.

Below we publish the names of the candidates who have so far entered The Times and Democrat's contest and the votes each one has up to Monday 12 o'clock.

Mrs. G. E. Fogle, Orangeburg	17,915
Mrs. D. C. Hayden, Orangeburg	11,250
Mrs. A. W. Shuler, R. F. D. No. 1, Vances	3,350
Miss Jessie Dukes, Orangeburg	2,875
Miss Edith Phillips, Springfield	1,500
E. S. Livingston, North	1,000
Mrs. Ellen Bates, Orangeburg R. F. D. No. 5	850
F. L. Ulmer, R. F. D. No. 2, Cameron	800
H. P. Tindal, North	775
L. P. Whisenhunt, R. F. D. No. 3, Orangeburg	400
A. L. Fairley, R. F. D. No. 1, Orangeburg	400
L. D. Fogle, Norway	250
J. W. Smith, Elloree	250
W. H. Oliver, Raymond	250
J. S. Black, Orangeburg No. 3	250
Mrs. J. D. S. Fairley, Branchville	100

There is still room for others to enter and win one of the big prizes. The contest lasts for several weeks yet, and there is no reason why those entering now or later should not stand a good chance to win one of the big prizes. Send in your name and go to work. Remember that you can win one of the smaller prizes any way, as it only takes a few subscriptions to get them.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN WELCH.

A Very Popular Coast Line Conductor Passes Away.

A special dispatch from Sumter to The State says Capt. Frank Welch, for 26 years conductor on the Atlantic Coast Line, died Sunday afternoon at 3:20. For 18 months or more he has been incapacitated for his duties on the road and has been confined to his home.

A visit was made to the Johns Hopkins hospital in search for relief, but all efforts were unavailing, and the Captain returned to Sumter, where he patiently awaited death. He was 54 years old.

While at work he had won many friends all over this section of the State and ranked among the most popular conductors in the employ of the A. C. L. To the last he was patient and uncomplaining, and declared with almost his last breath, that he had peace of mind founded upon his faith in the Savior.

Captain Welch and his family lived in Orangeburg several years, and they have many friends here who will regret to hear of the Captain's death. He ran for years on the Peggall branch of the Atlantic Coast Line and had many friends in the section through which it runs, who will be pained to hear of his death. Captain Welch and his family left Orangeburg just a little over one year ago. His health began to fail just a little before that time.

Tomatoes as an Ornament.

It is not generally known, but nevertheless a fact, that there are people still living who can remember the time when tomatoes were raised merely for their beauty as we now raise roses. While its beauty was admired it was considered like the poisonous oak, dangerous to even handle except by "dark complected" persons. Years of acquaintance, however, wore off its superstition and a few "fool-hardy" actually owned up to having tasted the fruit. From this small beginning has gradually grown a use that makes today an industry with a combined capital of over thirty millions of dollars, which disburse millions of dollars to its employees each year and aggregates an output of two hundred and forty million cans.

Telephones to be Improved.

Division Manager Spare, of the Bell Telephone Company, has been in the city a few days looking after the interests of his company. Mr. Spare came in response from City Clerk Wannamaker, who wrote him by instructions of the City Council in regard to the poor telephone service being dished out to this long suffering community. Mr. Spare says the service will be improved. He says Orangeburg is a good telephone town and he will see that she gets first-class service.

WHO THEY ARE.

ASSESSORS FOR THE DIFFERENT TOWNSHIPS NAMED.

The Following Are the Names of Those Appointed by Auditor McMichael.

The following are the names of the Township Assessors appointed by County Auditor T. M. McMichael:

Branchville Township.
A. E. Shuler, T. B. Fairley, J. W. McAlhany, Branchville postoffice.

Township of Branchville.
D. L. Rhode, O. F. Ott, W. P. Appleby, Jr., Branchville postoffice.

City Township.
A. Berg, W. L. Moseley, R. E. Wannamaker, Orangeburg postoffice.

Cow Castle Township.
L. F. Easterlin, Bowman; G. W. Utsey, Bowman; W. T. Westberry, Reevesville.

Edisto Township.
I. F. Kittrell, J. F. Jennings, C. F. Jennings, Cope postoffice.

Elizabeth Township.
S. H. Inabnett, Raymond; J. C. Witt, North; G. W. Whetstone, North.

Goodbys Township.
G. D. Shuler, J. E. Hungerpiller, A. A. Dantzer, Creston postoffice.

Hebron Township.
H. J. Livingston, Neeses; J. P. Pearson, Livingston; Russell Poole, Neeses.

Liberty Township.
G. S. Davis, North; H. W. Jamison, Orangeburg; G. E. Bolen, Orangeburg.

Middle Township.
L. S. Comor, Bowman; A. M. Bazzard, Orangeburg; J. P. Shuler, Jr., Bowman.

New Hope Township.
J. C. Funchess, D. A. Fairley, J. W. Collins, at Rowesville.

Orange Township.
J. M. Bell, Orangeburg; E. F. Dukes, Orangeburg; J. F. Rickenbaker, Cameron.

Poplar Township.
T. D. Livingston, Parler; J. C. Parler, Elloree; D. T. Evans, Elloree.

Providence Township.
J. P. Shuler, Vance; T. W. Shuler, Holly Hill; T. M. Dantzer, Vances.

Rocky Grove Township.
H. J. Salley, Jr., Salley; J. R. Bolen, North; L. P. Inabnett, Salley.

Union Township.
R. K. Henry, J. M. Fogle, J. C. Shuler, Cope.

Vances Township.
S. F. Dantzer, E. S. Banister, J. F. Felder, Vances.

Willow Township.
L. W. Jeffcoat, Norway; W. G. Sanford, Cope; J. F. Hutto, Norway.

Zion Township.
J. W. Mack, Cordova; L. G. Way, Orangeburg; J. D. Whisenhunt, Orangeburg.

HAPPILY MARRIED.

Dr. Edgar O. Horger and Miss Inez Bowen Made One.

Dr. Edgar O. Horger, a former resident of Orangeburg county, was happily married to Miss Inez Bowen, of Ridgeway, S. C., January 28, 1909. They were married at 8:30 o'clock in morning, so that they could leave on the early morning train for a ten-days' tour through Florida. They visited Tampa, St. Augustine, Jacksonville and other points of interest in Florida.

Monday night, February 8, while returning homeward the bride and groom stopped at Jamison, S. C., with Mrs. Agnes Horger, the groom's mother.

With eager and anticipatory looks, Mrs. Horger and the gathered family waited for several days to hear when the Doctor and his bride would return. At last we heard, and Mr. Lucious Wolfe, son-in-law of Mrs. Agnes Horger, met them at the depot with his stylish "turn-out." As many of the family as could accompanied him to the depot. Each and all welcomed the bride with open arms into the Horger family.

Long will be remembered the pleasant "family reunion day," with the bountiful and delightful cooked dinner, which was spread by Mrs. Horger, the mother. Each one enjoyed it so much. Our joy was turned into sadness later in the afternoon, when Dr. Horger announced that he and his better half must continue their journey to his resident home, Entwistle, S. C. They were the recipients of many handsome and useful presents. Long life and good wishes to the happy couple.

"ONE PRESENT."

Will Pave the Square.

We are glad that the City Council has determined to pave the public square. It will add so much to the looks of the streets. We are sure that the action of the City Council will be endorsed by the citizens generally. At the last meeting of City Council Alderman Smith and Bowman reported that the banks would let the city have all the money necessary to carry out the new plan of paving the public square. So the work will be done, and the matter of paving will be completed in up-to-date style.

The trial of Dr. W. H. Brown, manager of the Edisto Social Club for selling whiskey unlawfully, will be tried this morning before the Mayor. Dr. Brown demanded a jury trial.

We are satisfied that unless the telephone service is materially improved a number of people will give up the phones. We mention this for the benefit of the telephone people.

THE PLUMBING QUESTION.

Some Information on the Subject From a Man of Experience.

There has been considerable discussion in newspapers recently as to prices of plumbing in this city; and in the course of a conversation with Mr. Frank Smith, manager of the Orangeburg Material Company, he gave some interesting information.

Among other things, Mr. Smith said, that the Orangeburg Material Company was the first concern in the city to undertake this class of work, which was about two years ago, and since that time have done more work than all of the others in the city; besides have filled large contracts in other parts of the State among which might be mentioned the South Carolina University contract.

Mr. Smith said that Mr. Wertz and the others complaining simply were not posted as to the work and prices which they were criticising. The best proof of this is that the Orangeburg Material Company, which is a joint stock company, has never been able as yet to pay a dividend to its stockholders; and has only been able to continue in business by taking contracts for heating and plumbing outside of Orangeburg, where the prices for work are much better than in Orangeburg.

The plain, unvarnished truth is that the plumbing concerns in this city have lost money on the work done here, taking it all around.

The price of labor, as all know, is controlled by the plumbers' union, and the union has allowed Orangeburg, on account of being a small city, a lower rate of wages by fifty cents per day than Charleston or Columbia.

The Orangeburg Material Company has put in numerous jobs in this city at a profit of ten per cent on the cost price, and any merchant can tell you that this margin of profit is too small on which to do business, as rents, licenses, taxes, bookkeeper, etc., cannot be paid with such a narrow margin of profit.

This concern gets more for its work outside of Orangeburg under close competition than is received in this city.

We have never refused to furnish a plumber to put in work where the property owner furnished the fixtures and material; on the contrary we have put in a lot of such work, even goods bought from Seers & Roebuck, charging five dollars per day for the plumber, and are still ready to undertake such work. We will either furnish the material or do the work as our customers like.

When information of this nature is required why does not the Council call on City Engineer Hawes or City Electrician Salley, both of whom are practical mechanics?

To show how little some know of plumbing we are told that a gentleman asked one of the plumbers to install a sink which the plumber offered to do for about forty-five dollars, the distance out to the street sewer being about sixty feet. The gentleman thought this ridiculous. "Why," said he, "I have my own sink." As a matter of fact, the sink sells at retail for a dollar and a quarter, and it would take about twenty-five dollars worth of lead pipe, grease trap, brasses, terra cotta pipe, iron pipe, cast iron pipe, etc., to do the job, leaving twenty dollars profit, from which the plumber and his helper must be paid for work.

No, the prices for plumbing in this city are very reasonable, and it is certain that the Orangeburg Material Company has hundreds of well satisfied customers, because we do first-class work, do the work promptly, and install first-class material.

Happily Married.

They had been married a few This fact was forcibly illustrated on Sunday afternoon, February 14th, when Mr. Jeff Fogle, of the Fork, walked in Hopewell M. E. Church with his bride, who was Miss Hattie Livingston leaning on his arm.

They had been married a few hours before at the home of the bride's father, Rev. R. C. Boulwer officiating.

To many friends the marriage was not unlooked for. For some time they have shown preference for each others society, and it seemed eminently fitting that their association should have the happy terminus of a marriage on dear old St. Valentine's Day.

Miss Livingston comes from one of our oldest and best families. She is a bewitching little sprite with many a charming virtue. Mr. Fogle is to be congratulated on his good fortune of winning her. Best wishes for a happy, peaceful sailing.

Farmers' Line Telephone Service.
The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company is doing everything possible to encourage the use of the telephone on the farm. It will pay many times its cost in the saving of time, and is a great convenience. Each farmers' line established contributes to the economic business development of the county, and benefits every line of endeavor by enabling the most substantial element of citizenry to be communicated with promptly and satisfactorily. You can get a booklet with full information from any of the offices of the company.

Help Your Town Along.

It is not the site of a town, but its character that makes it a desirable place to live. A live, prosperous town is a desirable one to live in, and a town may prosper and yet be small. Every citizen in a town should be interested in its prosperity. One of the best ways to help a town is to speak well of it. It is true patriotism to stand by your own town, and interests that effect the town should effect every citizen.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

PICKED UP ALL ABOUT BY OUR REPORTERS.

What Is Happening in the Country as Well as in the Cities and Towns.

The home paper is the mirror in which those at a distance see us. When you help your home paper you help your town and indirectly help yourself.

Some of the fruit trees are beginning to bloom. We all know what this means.

Girls, it is our opinion that you had better be an old maid than the wife of some worthless man, and there is a great quantity of them in circulation.

Orangeburg needs to be advertised thoroughly. What we want to do is to catch the Sumter spirit, and let people know that we have a hustling little city on the Edisto.

While we are waiting to do great things the door of opportunity to do little things remains open. If we wait too long the door is closed with the result that nothing great or small is done.

We are glad to know that Judge Dantzer, who got home from Lexington on Friday afternoon, suffering from an attack of the grip, is much improved, and will soon be out again.

The Southern Railway Company has issued a very attractive bill advertising low rates to Washington on the occasion of the inauguration ceremonies, which take place on March 4th.

The activity in base ball circles is a reminder that the public will have to brush up on base ball vocabulary, or it will never understand the daily descriptions of the game during the season.

One half hour each day spent in diligent work will keep the lawn and premises surrounding any house in our town in apple-pie order, and make our little city the garden spot of our fair State.

A spirit of exceptional development seems to have seized upon this city. Improvement is everywhere noticeable. Progress is the watchword. Enterprise and activity go hand in hand and are apparent on all sides.

Messrs. Rayson & Summers and Wolfe & Berry have been engaged by Mr. W. N. Carter to defend him in his trial for the killing of Mr. J. W. Reed. We understand that the defendant will enter a plea of self-defence.

A great many people owe us small amounts which they can pay without trouble, and we hope every one who has not already done so, will pay us what they owe. If you can't come to town send it in by money order or registered mail.

The editor of this paper has a warm place in his heart for the friends who bring or send in news items. It is the desire of this paper to give all the news all the time and those who lend us their assistance to that end have our unbounded gratitude.

What are you doing for your town? If you have no confidence in the growth and improvement of the town and country in which you live how on earth do you expect other people to move among you and cause the country to develop and grow for your benefit.

In any city where the majority of its citizens are home owners, one will find pretty homes and happy satisfied people. They are always on the alert for the best interest of the town and its moral welfare. Where this is not so such an interest is not displayed.

Lent is ushered in tomorrow, and for forty days many good Christians will fast and go through other forms of devotion peculiar to the season and symbolical of the last days of the Savior on earth. The observances are peculiar to the Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches.

We will have to apologize to the Calhoun Advance again. In our apology last Friday we wrote the name "Calhoun Advance," but when it came out in the paper it was "Calhoun Advocate." On investigation we find that the mistake was made in the office after the copy was turned in. We hope after this we will get our contemporary's name correct.

So-Called Friendship.

Much of the so-called friendship of the day is but pretense. It exists only in name and as soon as it ceases to be advantageous it is dropped. The friendship that continues the same in prosperity and adversity is to be prized, but all other kinds are worthless. It matters not how hard a man may struggle to do right and make a success of life there is always some loathsome reptile, some worthless wretch who is ready to drag him down, to blight his hopes and blast his fondest ambitions. The loss of money and property is not the greatest loss a man can sustain in the business world; far better to lose your money than to lose hope and ambition.

Clouds the Sunshine.

The habit of treating those who are nearest and dearest to us with discourtesy is one that clouds the sunshine of too many homes. If you are young and looking for your prince, just test his home conduct. Do not be guided in your choice by what a young man is in the parlor; find out what he is in his mother's sitting room. Do not judge him by the way he can tip his hat, but by the way he treats the old, especially his parents.

PRIZES GIVEN AWAY!

To Those Who Get Cash Subscribers to The Times and Democrat.

BIG PRIZES GIVEN AWAY FREE!

IN ORDER TO STIMULATE MORE ACTIVITY IN OUR SUBSCRIPTION DEPARTMENT WE HAVE DECIDED TO INAUGURATE A GREAT CLUB MAKERS CONTEST, WHICH IS OPEN TO ALL WHO WISH TO ENTER THE SAME—GO TO WORK AND WIN ONE OR MORE OF THE DIFFERENT PRIZES OFFERED.

The Times and Democrat, desiring to add many names to its subscription list, will give away absolutely free the following valuable prizes under the conditions named below:

PRIZES TO BE GIVEN AWAY.

FIRST PRIZE—One Handsome Oak Sideboard.

SECOND PRIZE—One Handsome Oak Ladies' Dresser.

THIRD PRIZE—One Disc Graphophone and Four Columbia Records.

FOURTH PRIZE—One Handsome Ladies' Rocker.

FIFTH PRIZE—One Handsome Small Hall Table.

SIXTH PRIZE—One Set of 6 Heavy Silver-Plated Knives and Forks.

SEVENTH PRIZE—One Teachers' Leather Bound Bible.

EIGHTH PRIZE—One Handsome Photograph Album with Music Box.

HOW TO GET THESE PRIZES.

These prizes will be awarded to the persons getting the highest number of votes under the following conditions:

To any person who gets us five cash yearly subscribers we will give One Set of Six Teaspoons as described elsewhere in this paper and 750 votes on the Free Prizes above mentioned.

To any person who gets us four cash yearly subscribers we will give the Majestic Silver Sugar Spoon and Buter Knife described elsewhere in this paper and 600 votes on the Free Prizes above mentioned.

To any persons who gets us three yearly cash subscribers we will give a pair of Patent Tension Steel Shears as described elsewhere in this paper and 450 votes on the Free Prizes above mentioned.

THERE ARE NO BLANKS.

It will be noticed that all who engage in this contest will get a prize anyhow. If one fails to get votes enough to get one of the big Free Prizes, they are sure to get a good prize if they get only three subscribers, which almost any one can do. Remember this: That no matter how little you do you will be rewarded for your work. It will thus be seen that there are no blanks, as is the case in many contests. So no one need fear to enter the contest for fear of not being able to win one of the big Free Prizes. If you miss all of them you are sure to get one or more of the smaller prizes, which are given to all who secure three or more subscribers.

ATTENTION, OLD SUBSCRIBERS.

Any old subscriber who pays his subscription directly to the office can get these prizes by paying in addition to the \$1.50, which he pays for one year's subscription to The Times and Democrat, 50c for the Teaspoons, 40c for the Sugar Spoon and Butter knife, and 30c for the Shears. He will also receive one hundred votes in the free prize contest for every dollar paid in on subscription. Remember that we can only do this for those subscribers who pay their subscriptions at The Times and Democrat office and not to agents, who are working for the big prizes.

Any subscriber, old or new, who has already paid his subscription to January 1, 1909, or beyond, can get the prizes on the terms mentioned in the paragraph above. This puts all subscribers on the same footing, as it is our purpose to treat all alike. The premiums cost us too much to be absolutely given away at the price we get for The Times and Democrat and that is why we have to charge all subscribers for them, but the amount we charge is not more than half what these articles would sell for at retail.

RULES OF THE CONTEST.

The following table shows the number of votes that will be given on old and new cash payment subscriptions:

2 years	3300	3300 votes
1 year	1500	1500 votes
6 months	750	750 votes
3 months	400	400 votes

The same number of votes will be given old and new subscribers who pay at the office and not to any club maker.

This contest begins Jan. 5 and will end on April 15, 1909. Any question that may arise in regard to the conduct of the contest will be determined by the management of The Times and Democrat and its decision will be absolute and final. Candidates by filing votes agree to this and all other published conditions.

A committee of disinterested public men will be chosen to judge the finish of the contest and will assemble in The Times and Democrat office for the purpose immediately at the close of the contest.

Votes which have once been issued to a candidate may not be transferred to any other.

The right is reserved to alter these rules should necessity demand. No one connected with The Times and Democrat will be allowed to enter the contest for the free prizes.